

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Steven R. Iselin
Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Acting
(Energy, Installations and Environment)
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Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Mr. Iselin:

As you are aware, the water supply for several municipalities surrounding the former Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster, the former Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base and the Air National Guard Base (ANG) in Willow Grove, has been contaminated with concentrations perfluorinated compounds (PFCs) above the EPA's Health Advisory Level.

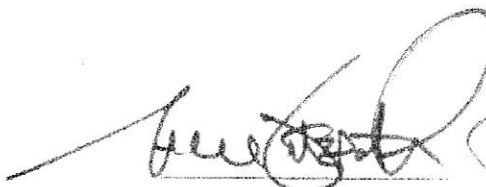
The Navy has worked with the affected municipalities in the construction, maintenance and operation of granular activated carbon (GAC) filtration systems for municipal supply wells. In addition, they are working with municipalities in providing water lines and connections to a nearby water authority as a long term solution for providing safe, permanent drinking water.

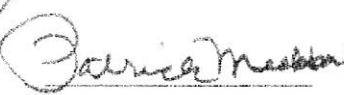
Recently, municipal water customers impacted by PFC's originating from the bases were informed of rate increases. The municipal water providers must raise rates to cover their immediate increase in costs associated with obtaining safe, clean drinking water for their customers.

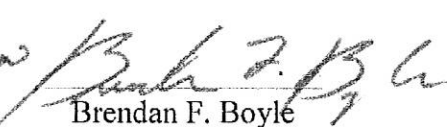
While our municipal water providers are seeking every means possible to provide safe drinking water, the residents in these areas cannot be expected to bear the excess cost. I respectfully request the Navy fund measures which protect constituents from costs incurred as a result of remediation efforts implemented to ensure they are provided with safe, clean drinking water.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful deliberation.

Sincerely,


Mike Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress


Patrick Meehan
Member of Congress


Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress